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## England's Reverses.

The situation in South Africa looks very bad for the British. The operations of the army have resulted in nothing but disaster. The most crushing blow to English pride has been the overwhelming defeat of General Buller. Majuba Hill was a skirmish compared to this later humiliation that has been inflicted on British arms. It is a difficult matter at this great distance from the scene of activity to judge with any sense of justice the relative merits of the plans and maneuvers of General Buller. In the light of the advancement made in military science and methods of warfare it is difficult to believe that a commander of the experience of Buller has allowed British stubbornness to lead him into the same mistake that encompassed Braddock's defeat over a hundred years ago. It is impossible to conceive that the English general was lax or careless in any precautions that suggested themselves. It is more rational to entertain the belief that the Boers were more masterful in strategy. It is no wonder that London is alarmed and asking with bated breath, what next!

One of the most distressing and embarrassing features in the battles fought so far has been the extraordinary fatality among the British officers. Such loss must necessarily cripple the efficiency of the forces in the field.

The British have not yet been able to set foot on the Transvaal soil, and it looks like it will be a long time before they do. If they do succeed in pressing their way over the frontier they will find a more stubborn and determined opposition than they have yet encountered. The successes of the Boers cannot help but act as a stimulus on Kruger's troops and have a corresponding depressive effect on the British. It will require something more than mere numbers to conquer the South African republics. The people are desperate because they know that to fall now will end all their dreams of independence and give complete domination of the British in that portion of the African continent.

If it were possible it would be a mercy for the great powers in some way satisfactory to the contending governments to intervene and stop the awful slaughter that is making every battlefield a shambles.

## A Treasury Surplus.

The estimated receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year submitted to Congress by Secretary Gage shows that there will be a considerable surplus in the treasury. The total receipts are put at \$440,000,000, and the expenditures at \$400,000,000. These figures are based upon actual expenditures thus far, and are very close to the total which will be realized at the close of the year.

"The treasury officials in making such estimates," says the Journal of Commerce, "usually endeavor to err on the side of abundant caution, so that they may not be accused of giving more favorable an aspect to the situation than the facts warrant. The receipts for the five months ending with November, however, were very close to \$48,000,000 per month, or at the rate of \$576,000,000 per year. Miscellaneous receipts, which include the seigniorage on the coinage of standard silver dollars, were already \$16,039,162 at the close of November, and will obviously exceed \$25,000,000 for the year. The customs receipts for five months were \$94,769,886, or at the rate of about \$229,000,000 per year, in accordance with the secretary's estimate. The internal revenue receipts, however, were \$137,225,651 for five months, or at the rate of considerably more than \$300,000,000 per year. There is little doubt that the complete fiscal year will show a surplus of \$60,000,000 upon ordinary operations. The cash balance will be reduced by the bond purchases, but these payments are not included in the estimate of ordinary expenditures."

## Trade With Our New Possessions.

Our new possessions in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and the soon-to-be independent republic of Cuba, will offer a market to the United States worth one hundred million dollars a year, and this will increase as a matter of course with the advancement of the people and the development of the territory of Porto Rico, Cuba, Hawaii and the Philippines. These facts are deduced from tables compiled by the treasury bureau of statistics showing the exportation of the principal articles from Spain to each of the islands which were formerly possessed by that nation.

The estimate is based upon their actual consumption in years of normal

conditions. How rapidly this will increase remains to be seen, but if the experience of the past year in Hawaii is an indication of what will happen elsewhere the increase must be very rapid. The exports from the United States to Hawaii in the ten months of 1898, whose record is now complete, are more than double those of the corresponding months of 1897, while to Cuba they promise to exceed in 1899 those of any preceding year, even surpassing that of the great reciprocity year, 1893, when the exports to that island were double the average of earlier years. More than one-half of the supplies which Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines have received from other parts of the world in former years have been furnished them by Spain.

## The Two Winston Churchills.

A good many people and a few newspapers have lately been confounding the identity of the two prominent young men by the name of Winston Churchill. They are two separate and distinct individuals, one an Englishman and one an American, and no relation to each other.

Our own Winston Churchill is a young gentleman about thirty years old who lives in St. Louis. He is an educated man, having graduated from Yale, and seems to have plenty of money and leisure. He is a graceful writer, and has published a novel called "The Celebrity." But it has been completely overshadowed by his recent book, "Richard Carvel," which has had a tremendous sale. It is a historical romance of the revolutionary period, and the scenes are laid partly in Maryland and partly in the London of George Third. A good many of the critics consider "Richard Carvel" the great American novel, as some considered "Hugh Wynne" when it appeared. However that may be, Mr. Winston Churchill, of St. Louis, has earned for himself a lasting fame.

The other Winston Churchill is also a young man of about thirty, an Englishman, but the son of Lady Randolph Churchill, who was an American girl, a Miss Jerome, of New York. He was an officer of the British army, but went to South Africa as a war correspondent, and was captured by the Boers at Estcourt about a month ago. He was taken to Pretoria, and the report now comes that he had escaped a few days ago. It is unfortunate for a young man who has made himself famous to be constantly getting mixed up with another young man of the same name, who has also made himself famous.

We have no means of knowing the real feelings of Editor Hitchcock over the appointment of ex-Senator Allen to the United States senate, but we can safely imagine they are not very pleasant. Governor Poynter as a Populist would naturally be expected to incline more to a member of his own party, but it is evident that he was influenced to some extent in making the selection by Mr. Bryan, who desires to keep on the right side of his Populist allies. But what will Hitchcock and his Democratic friends think of their turning down?

With her more than eighty years it is not altogether unlikely that the woes and sorrows entailed by the war with the South African republics may be too great a tension for the nerves of Queen Victoria.

The British casualties to date amount to over six thousand men—quite a respectable army that has been put hors du combat.

## Senatorial Repartee.

Washington Post: There was an amusing bit of repartee in the senate yesterday. It had its origin in the fact that when Senator Pettigrew wanted the senate to act upon a resolution he had introduced, Senator Chandler objected. Pettigrew said nothing, but bided his time.

A few moments later, Chandler came to the front with a resolution which he had amended, and asked the senate to adopt it.

"I object," shouted Pettigrew. "I haven't the least idea what the amendment is about, but I know it must be something wrong, because it comes from a pernicious source."

"It takes a veracious senator to manage a pernicious thing," instantly replied Chandler.

A moment later Mr. Pettigrew suggested that Chandler was no longer a Republican.

"I am more than willing to remain in the Republican party," retorted Senator Chandler, "now that the senator from South Dakota has left it."

## Internal Revenue Stamps.

The circular of the commissioner of internal revenue regarding the cancellation of revenue stamps seems to have been overlooked in insurance circles. It says:

In all cases where a documentary stamp of the denomination of ten cents or any larger denomination shall be used for denoting any tax imposed by the act of June 14, 1898, the person using or affixing the same shall, in addition to writing or stamping thereon with ink the initials of his name and the date when affixed, mutilate said stamp by cutting three parallel incisions lengthwise through the stamp, beginning not more than one-fourth of an inch from one end thereof and extending to one-fourth of an inch of the other end. Where such a stamp is canceled by cutting or perforating in any manner authorized by existing regulations, as aforesaid, the mutilation hereinafter provided will not be required. This provision shall take effect and be in force on and after December 15.

## Continuous Session.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer:  
SIR:—In your Thursday issue there appeared an article opposing the continuous session of the high school. The writer who signed it, if "A Parent," does not surely understand the present rules of the high school, when he says that the pupils have the privilege of remaining at the building at noon for lunch, and that ample accommodations have been provided for. Under the present rule of the high school the pupils remaining for lunch are obliged to eat in the "attic," and if all who attended the high school (numbering no less than two hundred) should remain for lunch an extra dining room would be necessary, as it would be impossible for all the pupils to dine in the room which is used for that purpose at the present time. Many of the pupils living on the island, or in North Wheeling or in South Wheeling find it very inconvenient to go home at noon and return in an hour and a half. Some are obliged to ride home, which is a constant expense to the parent. Would it not be beneficial to the pupil, and also to the parent, to have the continu-

ous session? If this has proven a success during the summer months, (as it has done), why will not the same benefits be derived by having it continued through the winter months?  
"P. H. S."

Wheeling, December 18.

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Luck is the trump card played by a fool.

It is always to a man's credit to pay cash.  
A rousing time is apt to occur just before breakfast.

Sometimes a wife can read her husband just like a blank book.

"What's yours?" is a question that usually provokes a smile.

Marriage is the only thing required to complete a girl's education.

The grandson may be too young to have hair and the grandfather too old.

No man ever attains such a high position but some one will call him down.

If the husband foots his wife's bills, she should at least foot his hostility.

Millions strive for wealth, thousands for fame—and possibly a dozen to be good.

What man has done man can do, but it's never half so much as a woman expects him to do.

The more experience a man has in making resolutions the poorer the quality he turns out.

No man ever had to stop climbing the ladder of fame because there wasn't another rung above him.

The cheeky individual generally gets there, but it is generally at the expense of some one's good opinion.

The coquette finds more to interest her in the attentions denied her than she does in those lavished upon her.—Chicago Daily News.

## REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

A man has to like a girl mighty little to enjoy hearing her swear.

A man kisses his best girl to sleep about as often as he kisses her awake after they get married.

It was probably some woman that wrote about matches being "made in heaven," when she first got engaged.

You can generally tell how often a woman combs her hair by the number of combs she doesn't wear stuck in it.

If the average woman could only have her own way about everything she would probably never want anything else.—New York Press.

## PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Mrs. Waggs—Does your husband suffer from chronic thirst? Mrs. Jaggs—Oh, dear, no. He doesn't wait long enough.—Chicago News.

From the End Man—"Why is Aguinaldo like the man who lives by his wits?" "I dunno." He carries his capital with him.—Chicago Tribune.

Willie—Pa, what is the meaning of fin de siècle? Pa—Oh, aw—that's aw of these water bicycles with fins on like a fish. Now you go to bed.—Philadelphia Record.

The Next Question—"What is your occupation, my good woman?" said the examining attorney to the witness for the defense. "Oh, I'm a washerwoman, sorr." "Where do you hang out?"—Judge.

Jones—"The fact, is, I never go to church, but I fall asleep. Brown—You get out! You never go to church. Jones—I know, and for that reason. I find it more convenient to do my sleeping at home, don't you see?—Boston Transcript.

A woman from the middle states who recently moved to Cambridge, Mass., went into her kitchen the other night after the cook had gone to bed. On top of the cook-book lay the light literature that the cook had been reading. It was entitled, "In Tune With the Infinite."

A Curious Police Force.—Mrs. Rooney—And what was the strangest thing you seen in Paris, Mrs. Casey? Mrs. Casey—Frich polacemenc! Mrs. Rooney—And what was there strange about Frinch polacemenc, Mrs. Casey? Mrs. Casey—They were Frinch.—Puck.

For Her Sake—"Are you sure he truly loves you?" asked the fair girl's candante. "Absolutely." "Of course, he would say that and let father talk to him by the hour about protection and so on. I'm sure that he tells the truth."—Washington Star.

The boy, having freely admitted that he cut down the cherry tree, is amazed to observe his father coming at him with the trunk-strap. "Do you not propose to exemplify the saying that honesty is the best policy?" "No, rather the saying that children and fools speak the truth!" retorted the old man, with a readiness we scarcely to be expected in one of his mature years.—Detroit Journal.

## Something for Nothing.

They are waiting while others tell on them. The men who want something for nothing. They sigh for the days that are gone—The men who want something for nothing.

They curse the "proud proud millionaire." They damn him who strives and gets there. They swear that his ways are unfair.—The men who want something for nothing.

They steal and they burn and they slay—The men who want something for nothing.

They would sweep law and order away—The men who want something for nothing.

And whenever a rantier appears, Preaching fatuous lams, he hears An outburst of ayes and of cheers From men who want something for nothing.

They lag at the rear and they growl—The men who want something for nothing.

There is no kind of weather but foul—For men who want something for nothing.

And the windler would long, long ago Have taken a saw or a hoe And gone to work, had there been no Poor fools wanting something for nothing.—Chicago Times-Herald.

## The Typewriter Invention.

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